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SECURE TRAVERSAL OF NETWORK COMPONENTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response is filed responsive to the first Office Action dated September 7, 2005. In view of the comments set forth below, Applicants respectfully urge reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.